Implementation of CAT Orders in a Promotion case

793. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal ordered the promotion of a senior official, which was blocked on 1985, who is presently working as collector of Customs (Appeal) in Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the decision of CAT has been implemented;

(d) whether any action has been taken against the two officers who blocked his promotion;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the aggrieved officer has sought permission of the Revenue Department of his Ministry of prosecute the concerned officers; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The concerned officer was approved for promotion by the Departmental Promotion Committee in December '89—January '90, and was promoted in March, '90. He filed a petition before the Central Administrative Tribunal. In accordance with the Order dated 27th September, '90 of the Madras Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal, his case was considered afresh by Review D.P.C. in April, 1991 and the benefit of notional promotion was given to him from 1985.

(d) to (g) The concerned officer made a representation seeking permission for prosecution of the officers who had recorded adverse remarks in his confidential reports. The representation was considered and rejected.

Setting up of Women's Stock Exchange

794. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a Women's Stock Exchange in the capital;

(b) if so, whether the Women Brokers and Investors Forum has urged Government to set up Women's Stock Exchange;

(c) if so, what are the details of the representation received by Government in this regard; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Women Brokers and Investors Forum, New Delhi has submitted a proposal for permission to promote a Women's Additional Trading Floor (WATF) at New Delhi. Some of the main features of the proposal relate to making arrangements to educate women about capital market operations, admitting 100 members for the proposed trading floor, providing facilities for trading in securities and eventually upgrading the WATF into an apex level Women Stock Exchange of India.

(d) The proposal is under examination.

Death during Interrogation by Revenue Intelligence Authorities

795. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one person died and another man jumped out of 3rd floor of Central Revenue Building at ITO Delhi in two separate incidents while interrogation by the Revenue Intelligence authorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the following incidents :—

(i) One Shri Sawinder Singh @ Surender Singh was being interrogated at the office of the Directorate of Enforcement at Lok Nayak Bhawan when he jumped from the 6th floor office of the Directorate in the early hours of 29-2-1992. He was taken to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi. The doctors on duty declared Shri Sawinder Singh "brought dead".

On directions of the Supreme Court, the District and Sessions Judge, Delhi has appointed a Senior Additional District and Sessions Judge, Delhi to hold an enquiry into the circumstances of Shri Sawinder Singh's death.

(ii) On 23-4-1992, one person named Shri Sudhir Kumar Chaudhary jumped out of the window of a room of the Central Revenues Building while his statement was being recorded by the officers of Delhi Customs in connection with a seizure of 252 VCPs and 125 packages of ball bearings of foreign origin collectively valued at 53.80 lakhs. Shri Chaudhary was rushed to LNJP Hospital and is undergoing treatment in this hospital. A departmental enquiry has been ordered. The Delhi Police authorities were also immediately informed about the incident and they have made preliminary enquiries.

Customs Duty on Bearings

796. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to cut down Customs Duty on all kinds of bearings;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far and propose to take to check smuggling of this item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) At present, there is no proposal under Government's consideration to cut down customs duty on bearings.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The machinery to check smuggling of contraband goods including bearings has been strengthened from time to time and preventive activities intensified. Close coordination is maintained with all the enforcement agencies.

Employment on Compassionate Grounds in Punjab National Bank

797. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab National Bank's regional office at Kanpur has finally refused employment to widows on compassionate ground whose husbands died in harness or died while under suspension from the employment recently ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the lapses of PNB had delayed the completion of enquiries against those employees who were put under suspension for a long time ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and further action proposed to be taken to employ the widows in the bank ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Under Invoicing of Prices on Import of Ball-Bearing

798. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI J.P. JAVALI :
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ball bearing importers of Bombay were recently caught for under invoicing upto 75 per cent. of the import price ;